SOUTHERN HAS ANOTHER WRECK

Two Killed and Four Injured at Danville.

FLAGMAN BLAMED FOR ACCIDENT.

Similar to the Disaster at Lawyers Which Resulted in the Death of President Spencer and Six Others—Engineer Kinney and Brakeman King Met Instant Death.

Danville, Va. (Special).—Following close upon the disaster of Lawyer, 17 miles from here, on Thanksgiving Day, which resulted in the death of President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern Railway, and six others, another wreck horror on the Southern occurred in the railway yards here early Saturday morning. Two persons met instant death, another was fatally wounded and three others were injured.

The accident happened about 4 o'clock, when northbound train No. 34, a mixed passenger and Pullman train of about 10 coaches, crashed into No. 82, a freight train of 20 cars, which was standing on the main line. All of the passengers escaped injury of any consequence, though all were shaken up.

The list of the dead comprises Engineer George C. Kinney, of Thomasville, N. C., and Brakeman W. B. King, of Danville, Va. Robert Ford, the negro fireman, sustained injuries which will no doubt result in his death.

The following is a list of the seriously injured, who were taken to the General Hospital here: O. P. Mull, of Columbia, S. C., flagman; H. M. Patterson, of Chatham, Va., brakeman; Robert Ford, colored, fireman, and O. O. Mailer, of Washington, postal clerk.

Both of the trains were running behind time, and the freight train, after passing the block station, three miles south of here, was detained in the yards on account of other trains. The freight had been standing on the main line for nearly an hour when No. 34 came around the curve at a rate of about 25 miles an hour. The engine plowed through the caboose of the freight, and like a giant bull hurled it over its head.

Engineer Kinney stuck to his post and was instantly killed. Fifty yards above the scene of the accident the negro fireman, realizing what was going to happen, jumped from the locomotive and landed on the ground, unconscious.

As soon as the collision occurred fire followed. Four cars were burned up and other damaged by the flames. The fire department was called out, and after several hours had the flames under control.

Next to the engine on No. 34 was the postal car, which was demolished, and a number of clerks in it were injured. The injured clerks left on a northbound train, and their injuries are not regarded as serious.

All of the passengers in the Pullman and day coaches escaped.

The body of Engineer Kinney was found pinned under the wrecked engine. It was not mangled, and indications showed that he had been scalded to death by the steam escaping from the boiler.

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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Domestic.

The Brotherhood of Trainmen will confer with General Manager Peek, of Pennsylvania lines west, about the 22 articles refused them by the general superintendents.

The revenue cutters Mohawk and Gresham pulled the barkentine Bonny Doon off Great Round Shoal, near Vineyard Haven, and landed the crew.

The strike of 500 men of the Reading Iron Company, which began five months ago, has ended by the men getting an advance of 12 per cent.

In the Shea trial, Chicago, William Kelly, former secretary of the Coal Teamsters' Union, who entered a plea of guilty, was a witness.

An explosion of gas in the Kidney vein of the Buttonwood Colliery at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., killed two and seriously injured several others.

Mrs. Leslie Carter, the actress, secured a writ of attachment in New York against the property of Miss Norma L. Munroe for $42,000.

John Harsen Rhodes, president of the Greenwich Savings Bank and a prominent financier of New York, is dead at the age of 67.

Herbert Gregerson, exchange teller of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank in Chicago, pleaded guilty to embezzlement.

Banker Jacob Schiff calls the high interest charged in Wall Street on call loans barbarous and destructive to finance.

Sir Harry Eugene Robinson, of a noble English family, has entered the United States Navy as a mess attendant.

Lawyer Patrick, convicted of murder in New York is said to have applied for a commutation of sentence.

Former Governor George W. Hoadley, of Vermont, died at his home, Morrisville, aged 74 years.

Rear Admiral Peter Asserson, U. S. N., retired, died in Brooklyn at the age of 66.

The operators in charge of the block on which the Rondout train wreck occurred Thanksgiving Day contradict each other in their statements as to the cause of the smashup.

Fearing that Chester E. Gillette, found guilty of the murder of Grace Brown, plans to end his life, the gas stove has been taken from his cell, and an extra guard will accompany him to Auburn prison.

Counsel for Harry K. Thaw has taken action which abolishes the proposition to appoint a commission to go outside of New York State for evidence in the case.

W. W. Finley, who began his railroad career as a stenographer, has been chosen president of the Southern Railway to succeed Samuel Spencer.

A man supposed to be George A. Kimmel, missing member of the Arkansas Bank, has been found in an asylum at White Plains, N. Y.

The Cincinnati - Chicago Limited train on the Monon Railroad was derailed two miles north of Frankfort, Ind., and 18 persons injured.

Andrew Carnegie formally presented the deeds for a lake three and one-half miles long to Princeton University.

Eight young women were burned by an explosion of thousands of matches in a factory at Indianapolis. Attempts at fraud will make every member of the Osage tribe of Indians worth $50,000.

Two women were arrested in Chicago charged with a score or more of flat burglaries.

Elias Aslet, a New York broker, was beaten insensible by burglars in his home.

Forty-seven railroads of the West are considering raises in wages for employes.

Foreign.

M. Jaures, the French Socialist leader in the Chamber of Deputies, warned the government that in the proceedings toward Morocco it was embarking on a dangerous adventure, but the Chamber, by 457 to 56, voted confidence. When Count Castellane rose to make a speech, half the deputies left the chamber.

The British Foreign Secretary informed Parliament that he had no information that any arrangement had been made under which German merchant vessels would be transferred to the American flag in the event of a war involving Germany.

A census of the German Empire in December 31, 1905, shows the population to have been 60,641,278, compared with 56,367,178 in 1900, an increase of 7.6 per cent.

The Agricultural Chamber of West Prussia has adopted resolutions empowering its executive committee to import Chinese as farm laborers.

London financiers believe that the report of Secretary Shaw means that something will be done to relieve the financial situation.

A dozen insurgent leaders of San Domingo were attacked by the government forces and Perico la Salle killed.

The Yadin collection of 80,000 volumes on Russia has been bought for the Congressional Library at Washington.

A widespread conspiracy against the Kwandong government has been discovered in Gunyaquil.

Japanese newspapers eulogize President Roosevelt's attitude toward them in his message.

English newspapers announce that some of the Lloyds are insuring against war between Russia and Japan in 1907 at five guineas per cent.

It is reported that Count Boni de Castellane will marry Madame Leiter, twice married and twice divorced and worth $15,000,000.

Gerald Lowther is mentioned as a possible successor to Sir Mortimer Durand as British ambassador to the United States.

Cottoned and cottoned oil, largely imported from America, are threatened with almost prohibitory duties in France.

The American minister, Mr. Gummere, arrived at Tangier from Fez by way of El Araish, on the steamer Saida.

French newspapers comment favorably on the appointment of Henry White as ambassador to France.

Police Inspector Shermecteff was mortally wounded in St. Petersburg by a Terrorist, who then killed himself.

King Edward is trying to prevent the Marlborough divorce scandal from being aired in the divorce court.

Mrs. Gerald Fitzgerald secured a divorce from her husband, a rich Irish landlord in Dublin, Ireland.

Eleven thousand seamen on the Black Sea are out on strike and shipping is tied up.

Charles Wyndham, the actor, has announced his forthcoming retirement from the stage.

TERRIBLE FATE OF FOUR CORNELL MEN

Athletes Risk Lives To Save Their Comrades.

SEVERAL ARE SEVERELY BURNED.

One of Finest Fraternity Houses in the World Destroyed—The University and Town of Ithaca in Mourning—Fire Breaks Out Early in the Morning.

Ithaca, N. Y. (Special).—Cornell University and the city of Ithaca are paralyzed by the worst catastrophe which has ever occurred in this community. By the burning of the Chi Psi Fraternity lodge at an early hour in the morning, seven lives were lost, $200,000 worth of property was destroyed and the finest fraternity house in the world was practically demolished.

Seven men are killed. Six of them died almost immediately; the other lingered until evening.

The dead are:

William Homes Nichols, of Chicago, Ill., a member of the senior class of Cornell University, and a son of a weekly commission merchant in Chicago. He was a member of many clubs and societies and an editor of the Cornellian, which is the college annual. A charred body has been found in the ruins, but it is not yet known whether it is his or that of Frederick W. Greefe, of East Orange, N. J., who also perished in the flames.

Oliver LeRoy Schmuck, of Hanover, Pa., a senior in Cornell University, a member of many clubs and very popular among his classmates. He died in the Cornell Infirmary within a few hours after the death of his roommate, Nichols.

Frederick W. Greefe, of East Orange, N. J., a member of the junior man class. His body has not yet been recovered.

James McCutcheon, of Pittsburg, Pa., a member of the agricultural class, substitute halfback on the Cornell football team and very popular among his classmates.

The city of Ithaca has lost three gallant firemen—Alfred C. Robinson, an attorney and a member of the volunteer fire department; John Ramsey, son of a prominent hardware merchant and a member of the volunteer fire company, and Eaton Landon, foreman of the Empire State Furnishing Company and a member of the volunteer fire department. All of these men were killed by the falling of the north wall of the building while they were endeavoring to get out of stretching a hose on that side.

Just how the fire started will probably remain a mystery, but at 3.30 A. M., S. S. Decamp, of New York City, a sophomore at Cornell and a member of the Chi Psi Fraternity, was awakened by the smell of smoke. He rushed to the door of his room, but found his escape cut off. Running to the window, he slid down the vines and reached the ground in safety. He ran to the nearby fraternity houses and sent out the alarm. It was fully 20 minutes after the fire had started before the department reached the scene. The campus fire facilities were utterly inadequate, and it remained for the city companies to make an attempt to check the flames, but it was too late.

DEATH WIPES OUT FAMILY.

Demise Of Father And Four Children Followed By Mother.

Chicago (Special). — Mrs. Rose Vrzal, of 153 West One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Street committed suicide, it is believed, of sorrows circulated regarding the numerous deaths in her immediate family within the last ten months. Her husband, Martin Vrzal, died, and then, within nine months, her four children died, the cause of each death being given by the attending physician as "stomach trouble."

An anonymous telephone message was sent to the police department saying it was advisable that an investigation be made, as all the members of the family were insured a short time before death. An investigation was commenced, but it developed that the woman had been bereaved by the police that either despondency over the deaths of her children or the threat of the investigation caused Mrs. Vrzal to take her life.

Late on the strength of statements made by Mrs. Emma Niemann, daughter of Mr. Vrzal, the police arrested Hermann Billeck, said to be a fortune teller and hypnotist.

LOWER LAW KNOCKED OFF.

Man, Unable To Write, Cannot Tell How He Was Mutilated.

Johnstown, Pa. (Special).—Caspar Schofion, 30 years old, was brought to a hospital here from Baker, a suburb, where he was found lying on the street. Part of the man's lower jaw was missing, the upper jaw heavily splintered and the base of his tongue lacerated. Schofion is very weak from loss of blood, and how he was wounded is a mystery. The hospital physicians say his injuries are such that he will never be able to talk, and all efforts to have the coroner's jury here have been futile. The police authorities say Schofion, who is a foreigner, never learned to write, and will be unable to explain his injuries until he is taught to write, if he should recover.

Strike Of Sailors.

Genoa (Special).—The greatest alarm is being felt here over the decision of the shipowners to suspend the Transatlantic service, owing to the strike of the seamen. Over 4,000 emigrants who had booked passage have been boarded and lodged at the expense of the city officials, who desire to prevent bloodshed. The general public is demanding that the government intervene in the strike situation.

A California Shake.

San Luis Obispo, Cal. (Special).—At 10.40 o'clock P. M., this city experienced an earthquake which lasted more than 20 seconds. The shock was from north to south. Half an hour later a second shock was felt, but was not so pronounced as the first. The earthquake also was felt at Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Cayucos and Cambria. At the latter place articles were shaken from shelves. No perceptible damage was sustained here.

AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Some Interesting Happenings Briefly Told.

The Ship Subsidy.

General Grosvenor, chairman of the House Committee of Merchant Marine and Fisheries and most ardent of ship subsidy advocates, took the first step to compromise with the opposition, which has hitherto been successful in holding up the Senate measure in the committee.

General Grosvenor announced to the committee that he had prepared important amendments to the Senate Subsidy Bill. It makes clear that the subsidies are to be applied only to lines from the South Atlantic Coast to South American republics, and from the Pacific Coast to the Orient.

The subsidy for the South African line is eliminated, also the one for the short line on the Northern Pacific to the Canadian Coast.

The committee will meet again Thursday to consider the Grosvenor amendments. These propositions in a degree meet with the objections of Speaker Cannon and Representative Watson, of Indiana, the latter presented action on the matter in the last session. Now he declares that he will favor a bill providing subsidies for South American lines and not more than two lines to the Philippines. Such a proposition, he believes, can pass the House. This is as far as the Speaker will go, according to the subsidy authorities.

Transport Reserve Fleet.

With a view to securing an adequate transport reserve fleet for the United States Army, Secretary Shaw, in pursuance of the authority conferred by a recent Treaty regarding Morocco.

The House Committee on Banking and Currency held a meeting preparatory to framing a bill for a more elastic currency.

Consideration of the Fortifications Appropriation Bill was begun by a subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations.

The President nominated W. Morgan Shuster, of the District of Columbia, to be secretary of instruction in the Philippines.

The Secretary of the Treasury has given notice that he will anticipate interest without rebate amounting to $12,000,000.

Cotton Mills Raise Wages.

Providence, R. I. (Special).—An advance in wages varying from 5 to 10 per cent. will be made in the Textile industry of Rhode Island next week. About 20,000 operatives will be affected, and in addition, it is understood, the pay of about 5,000 mill hands in Massachusetts and Connecticut factories controlled by Providence officers will be raised to correspond with the schedules in this state.

Pat Crowe In Trouble.

Council Bluffs, Ia. (Special).—Pat Crowe, whose recent trial and acquittal of the charge of robbing A. E. Cudahy of millionaire packer, of $25,000 through the kidnaping of the latter's son gave him wide notoriety, will be placed on trial on a charge of robbing a street car crow in Council Bluffs last summer.

Ambassador and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid sailed from England for New York.

Several severe earthquake shocks were felt in the West Indies.

EXPLOSION IN A FACTORY TOWN

Eleven Persons Hurt, Fourteen Buildings Burned.

LOSSES OVER HALF A MILLION.

Boiler Bursts, Shattering the Four-story Factory of the J. Harvey Shoe Company, Lynn, Mass—Stairways and Fire Escapes Hold Until Most of the Employes Escape.

Lynn, Mass. (Special).—The explosion of a boiler in the four-story factory building of the P. J. Harney Shoe Manufacturing Company, on Alley Street, and the fire which immediately followed destroyed 14 buildings in the West Lynn manufacturing district, causing a total loss estimated at about $520,000.

Eleven persons were injured, one, Miss Celia Tradesburg, an operative in one of the burned factories, being in a critical condition at a hospital.

In addition to the direct loss the shoe manufacturers will suffer severely from the interruption to their Christmas business.

The buildings destroyed and damaged are:

P. J. Harney Shoe Company.

Tufts & Friedman Shoe Company.

H. P. Hood Creamery.

Boston and Maine West Lynn Railroad Station.

Lynn Leather Stock Company.

M. J. Worthley Shoe Company.

Seven dwellings.

The explosion occurred just before 7 o'clock, when the employes were assembling at their benches. There was a roar and the building, a five-story structure, seemed to rise from its heavy machinery dropping from floor to floor. Then the upper part burst and ruins took fire.

Fortunately for those in the building, or a majority of them, the stairways had for the most part escaped the fire-escapes, and to this fact the absence of a large loss of life is due. The force of the explosion was felt, windows being smashed and holes torn in the walls. The Boston and Maine station, immediately across the railroad tracks, was wrecked. Debris from the Harney building piled on the track 16 feet high and blocked all traffic over the Eastern division.

The scene of disaster in West Lynn bordering on Charles and Alley Streets was well lined for a big fire, and the weather conditions—a high southwest wind and hard going—were also against the firemen. The district is the newer factory section of the city, and was built up since the great fire of November 26, 1889, which destroyed the business and factory district. The fire started with great headway, but at 3.30 o'clock it was practically under control.

Clifton is a town in Graham County, Southeastern Arizona. In 1904 the company began the work of located at the end of a branch of the Atchison and New Mexico Railway, and has a telegraph and express office. It is built upon the bank of the Rio San Francisco, a branch of the Salt River.

ITALY TO ADMIT U. S. MEATS.

Will Accept Government Stamp As Sufficient.

Washington, (Special). — Restrictions upon the entrance into Italy of American pork products have been removed by the Italian Government.

Heretofore Italy, in common with some other European countries, has insisted upon making its own inspection, examination and stamp, can pork products sent to that country. The result of the examination had to be paid by the American exporter. This has discouraged packers in the position of having to pay for the examination, once here and again in Italy.

Secretary Wilson took up the question with the State Department and has induced the Italian Government to accept the certificate of inspection placed on meats by the Agricultural Department.

Lives Lost In Flood.

El Paso, Tex. (Special).—From information received here, it is believed that the town of Clifton, Ariz., has been practically washed away.

The Copper Queen Hotel is said to have been carried away by the flood and at least 50 persons lost their lives.

Phoenix, Ariz.—It is reported that 50 people have been drowned in the floods at Clifton, Ariz.

Prominent Man Assassinated.

Macon, Ga. (Special). — Charles Brown, prominent citizen of Macon, Ga., was assassinated while sitting in a chair at his home. The shot was fired through a window. There is no clue. Blood hounds will be put on the trail at once.

FINAN AL WORLD.

Union Pacific's net profits in October increased $165,395.

Bank of England directors continue the 4 per cent discount rate.

Reading directors are now expected to take dividend action on December 17.

Call money in New York ranged from 20 to 28 per cent. The continued high rate discourages speculation.

The American Car & Foundry Company's plant at Madison, Ill., is making forty cars a day.

Samuel M. Newberger, of Philadelphia, has been elected a member of the New York Stock Exchange.

A New York Stock Exchange seat was sold Thursday for $82,500, a drop of $2,500 from the previous sale.

In three months wire products have risen $4 the ton.

Treasury balances in the United States during the month of November were $85 in number and $11,-930,782 in amount of bullion, while the corresponding month last year there were 817 details and a total indebtedness of $8,866,798.

While the $12,000,000 to be distributed by Secretary Shaw on December 15, in the shape of anticipated interest on Government bonds will help a little, the sum is too small to have much impression on the money market.

The bankers connected with the company seem very confident that Kansas City Southern preferred will go upon a 6 per cent. dividend basis next year. The stock is tipped by good people to cross 80.

If Atchison follows the example of other railroads it will increase its dividend at about the same time that it increases its capital.

Although 10,000,000 tons of anthracite were mined in October and November, the coal companies sold 500,000 tons from their previously accumulated stock which had been mined when anthracite was 50 cents ton cheaper than it is now.

Russian Students Rebel.

By the new regulations in respect of the admission of students to Prussian universities only must such students present, be free from political and satisfy certain standards, but they will be required to furnish proof of the possession of adequate means of support.

Gillette Is Guilty.

Herkimer, N. Y. (Special).—Chester Gillette, charged with the killing of Grace Brown, was found guilty of murder in the first degree Tuesday night by the jury, which had the case under deliberation for five hours. The verdict was rendered shortly after 11 o'clock. Gillette took the verdict stoically. He will be sentenced by Judge Aiken morning to death in the electric chair at Auburn.

A Battle At Leyte.

Manila (By Cable).—A column of constabulary troops encountered a band of Pulajanes between La Paz and Tarragona, on the island of Leyte, December 5. In the battle that followed four soldiers were killed and eight were wounded. Among the wounded was Lieut. Ralph P. Yates, Jr. His wounds are not serious. Thirty Pulajanes were killed and many were wounded and captured. No details of the fight have been received.

District School.

Washington, Pa. (Special).—East Finley township, 10 miles from this city is in a turmoil over a free-for-all fight in the district school during a beauty contest and as a result many residents are talking of invoking the bruise. The trouble was started when Samuel Cummins and John Sampson, who were buying votes for the leading contestants in the beauty contest, were informed that they were $3 in arrears in the payment of votes. They paid all votes cast, and their money had become exhausted so they borrowed. Tecumseh and Sampson are said to have resented this action and endeavored to destroy the ballot box. A general fight followed, in which the ballot box in the schoolhouse were put out. Many girls and women were trampled upon, but none were seriously injured. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of all involved in the fight.

ENTOMBED MINERS RESCUED.

Carelessness Had Caused Explosion Of A Lot Of Powder.

Houghton, Mich. (Special).—Fourteen boxes of dynamite exploded in the Quincy Mine, cutting off from the outside world 17 men who had gone down the shaft before the explosion occurred. Rescuing parties believed that the fall would result in the death of a shelterer level, where they had fled after the explosion.

One man, William Gogin, was found in pieces, and three others were wounded. Over a score of miners were half-suffocated from smoke and were resuscitated with much difficulty.

Careless miner let fall some burning grease in a powder box and the explosion followed.

Will Sue The World.

San Francisco (Special).—The Supreme Court decided that the McEnerney Act, passed at the last session of the legislature, is constitutional, and that propertyowners can establish title to their lands, the records of which were destroyed in the great fire, by suing the world at large. If no claimant appears within a certain period, title to the property is re-established.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

STATED COMMUNICATION of Andersonville Lodge, No. 215, A. F. & A. M., this Saturday night at Sodom, Va., TUESDAY night, Dec. 4th, 1906, at 7 o'clock. Full attendance desired. All Master Masons cordially invited.

L. E. MIMS, Secretary.

LEE COLEMAN, Sodom, Va., Master.

J. H. Roberts,

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LITERATURE AND LIFE.

I've never seen Jack London's kind,
Who fights three battles every day,
And he's in a peaceful mind
Unless mixed up in a melee;
In fact, I'd think it strictly proper
To hand such to the nearest copper.

There is no Raffles in life's fold
And likewise there's no Sherlock Holmes;
No one so clever, or so bold,
This stupid footsteps ever roamed;
In fact, if you want life, not diction,
Don't hunt for it in modern fiction.

—Denver Republican.

The DUVAL DIAMONDS.

A HUMAN SALAMANDER.

It was a warm occasion, the day the French soldiers got their batteries nearer and nearer the besieged town, and would have knocked out even the breastworks and plainly proved to the Austrian artillerymen that stuck to their guns with determination and sent their shells into the French lines.

In one of these instructed forts a small French soldiers, and when a corporal, were busily engaged in the voice. "I have him every day for a week, always seemed grave and unconsciously, Basil was along by her side, and now

a pretty place for a home, and pretty enough dream summer's day here."

"I'll dream here, we said the girl, smiling.

"So you do?

make ribbons—ribbons as those of Lyons. Does now that he's gone?"

"Those are very fine diamonds, Miss. Mlle. Pauline," I said. The girl's woman started and I fancied she

"Diamonds! monsieur; you must be joking. How should an old woman like me wear diamonds!' she said, angrily.

"Your brooch is an heirloom, I suppose?"

"No, monsieur! have no ancestors; I am only one of the bourgeoisie."

"For all that," I said, positively, "those are fine diamonds."

"Pardon, monsieur, paste! They do these things with wonderful art in France!' said the old woman.

"Now I could have sworn to the genuineness of the diamonds, but I did the subject drop. I knew it was quite curious in regard to this old woman. Nobody in the village knows anything of her antecedents.

"My feeling for Marguerite—that is the girl's name—is not exactly love. I am afraid I fell in love with her before I painted her portrait. That process is, however, begun.

"She scarcely glanced at the picture the first two or three days, but one day she peeped over my shoulder. Her surprise was charming.

"'Am I like that?' she said, her soft, large eyes full of wondering delight.

"'Like it, but more beautiful.'

"'Monsieur is very good,' she replied, with downcast eyes. 'But the picture is like one that Pauline has locked up in her drawer. I do not know who it is, but sometimes I think it is my mother.'

"Presently I said:

"'Do you remember your mother?'

"'Ah, no! when I look back it is only Pauline, nothing but Pauline.'

"'Only Pauline! and what is the matter with Pauline, pray?' said a wiry, sinuous voice, and looking, we both saw the wrinkled, yellow visage of the old woman.

"A look of vivid dislike crossed the girl's face, and she hastened away.

"'Who is Marguerite!' I said, abruptly.

"'Do you not guess? What should she be but a poor foundling left at our convent—charity's sake I adopted?'

"One of the sisterhood, probably corporal.

"'It is he, general,' he said.

"'A salamander! We have penetrated the offices, as he terms over the corporal. 'No! he inquired.

"'Yes, my general.'

"'Follow me, then' for short sweet open the door walking side by side.

"'You seem,' remarked the pleasantly, 'to be at least than I. Kindly excuse my inspection and he indicated the side the enemy. "It will be protection to me.'

Without a word the officer the place.

Just at that moment a directly over their heads them an explosion.

The officer cast a quick his companion. He was least flurried. He did quicken his pace.

Presently the guide reached a battery which was in the act of firing. Before I arrived on the scene I had noticed the mention of your name have affected her so powerfully? Am I to believe, then, that the confidence of her illness you stole her diamonds and had paste substituted for them? Is it in connection which was my father's wedding present to her that betrayed you at last.'

"'You know that when you were my mother's bonne, in the confusion of the moment, I took the diamonds and had paste substituted for them, as was the brooch which was my father's wedding present to her that betrayed you at last.'

"To the house. In the Thursday.'

Basil came in at dinner time, his eyes shining with pleasure at this request.

"'Monsieur had good news,' said Pauline, with a scrutinizing look at his face.

Basil glanced at her and perceived that the glittering brooch was missing.

"'You are right, Mlle. Pauline. My friend, Louis Duval, is coming to make me a visit. Would it be convenient for you to accommodate my friend also?'

"'Monsieur and his friend are most welcome to the whole house,' returned Pauline, in a peculiar tone.

It soon became clear that night as if his life had but just begun. Hitherto he had failed, and his life had been monotonous and dull, and too few hopes, for him to think of asking another to share it. Now all was changed; nothing seemed impossible. He loved Marguerite.

Louis, the friend of her, he saw the flutter of her light dress in one of the shaded alleys.

"'Here, Louis,' he said, coming upon her suddenly.

"'Ah, it is you, monsieur!" and her face was illumined.

"'I want you, Marguerite, to say and to keep forever.'

Her hands trembled—she faltered out:

"'I thought Pauline sent you for me!'

"'Nobody sent me. I saw you and came because I love you and wanted to be with you. Will you be my wife, Marguerite?'

"'Your wife, monsieur? I am a poor ribbon weaver!' her innocent eyes lifted to his in frank surprise.

"'And I am a poor artist. There is no disparity between us. The only question is of your loving me.'"

"'There is no question of that, monsieur.'

The moon had dropped below the dark line of the forest that lay in the little valley where Basil fell asleep. When he awoke the sun was high in the sky. Some remembrance of the past night came to him like a dream of indefinable happiness.

When he came downstairs he opened the door of the little kitchen and found it empty; nor fire on the hearth; no signs of life anywhere.] He crossed the room, and after tapping at the door of the bedroom where Pauline slept, opened it and looked in. The bed had evidently not been turned since the day before. The woman had disappeared. A thorough examination of the house showed that, while no bulky articles had been taken, nothing of value was left.

The next day Basil Deane presented himself in the city and told Louis of the mysterious affair.

Louis' mobile face had grown sober. He half-opened his lips to speak, but the distress in Basil's countenance checked the words. He was thinking.

"'You do not speak You think I am deceived!'"

"'I am afraid you are,'' gently.

"'Upon my life I am not,'' said Basil, eagerly. "I am a fool in worldly matters if you say so, but I know a pure, true woman when I see her. And I'll find Marguerite!'"

He began his search at once, Louis Duval sometimes aiding him, and oftener, as time went by, trying to dissuade him.

It was two years after Marguerite's disappearance, and during that time Basil Deane had become a popular artist. His pictures were no longer hung in obscure corners at the exhibitions, but were the centre of admiring crowds. One evening, while waiting with Louis, he stepped into a goldsmith's shop upon some trifling errand. A shabby, foreign-looking man stood by the counter. "But if monsieur would be good enough to look at this," said the man, with French accent, and directly a lucid point shone out.

Basil's hand tightened over his friend's arm.

"That is the jewel I told you of. I have it to sell,' he said, in an excited whisper.

"Where did you get this?" demanded the goldsmith, looking at him with suspicion.

"It is a family jewel," returned the man, hurriedly, but, as if alarmed, the man began to put the trinket away. "If monsieur does not want it I will offer it elsewhere,' he said, and turned to go.

"Stop!" said Basil, coming upon her suddenly.

"Here, Marie, little sister!"

He hung them upon her soft, brown curls, dropped them in shining links around her white throat and fastened them to the dainty wrists. He stepped between her kneeling form and her lover, adorned like a queen, and happier in her new position as a humble one.

Amanda M. Hale.

India's Cotton Tree.

London Commercial Intelligence reviews the last letter from J. R. Spence at Wallas Cotton Plantation, Deese, who claims to have discovered a variety of cotton tree, indigenous to India, capable of revolutionizing the cotton industry of that country. He says the tree grows in various parts of Bombay and Madras Presidencies, which produces cotton infinitely superior both in classification and staple to American cotton and in classification alone cannot be equaled by Egypt. It is an astonishing fact that the value of the tree's product has not up to this time been discovered by any one in the cotton trade, notwithstanding the fact that the tree has been known to exist and flourish in the mutiny and probably for hundreds of years previously. The only uses the cotton it produces has been put to are the manufacture of wicks for lamps in Hindu temples and the stuffing of beds and pillows. After careful examination of the cotton, Mr. Spence unhesitatingly expresses the opinion that it would probably revolutionize the cotton industry of India and largely reduce the European demand for American cotton.

Same True of Spelling.

When I was in England, before the "accents acordake," I discussed the metric system with an Englishman. The English system of weights and measures, he admitted, was complex, but he said it was precisely because of its tremendous difficulties that it constituted a marvelous instrument for making supple the young brains which filled the English schools.—M. Grimm, in Le Journal of Paris.

The peanut crop in the United States now amounts to 11,000,000 bushels annually. The total sales amount to between $8,000,000 and $10,000,000.

With the Funny Fellows

Cupid's Master.

Though Cupid gets the credit
For love affairs we see,
There's one match-maker greater,
And that's cupidity. —Puck.

All Depends.

"This man paid $250.000 for his seat. What do you say to that?"

"High for the stock exchange; low for the Senate."—Courier-Journal.

A Misunderstanding.

"What on earth are you doing to me?" asked the indignant patient.

"Kneading your stomach," replied the great physician.

"Well, fet up. I may be needing it myself one of these days."—Chicago News.

Physical Impossibility.

The House Cat—"You're getting fat and apoplectic. I can see your finish."

The Pug Dog (making an effort to turn his head but giving it up)—"That's more than I can do, anyhow."—Chicago Tribune.

In the Department Store.

"Oh, my!" exclaimed the excited woman who had mislaid her husband. "I'm looking for a small man with one eye."

"Well, ma'am," replied the polite floorwalker, "if he's a small man, he'll be easy to find, even if he does sometimes blow his own horn a little too—"

"It isn't so!" indignantly exclaimed Mrs. Gaswell. "My husband always uses his handkerchief!"—Chicago Tribune.

A Wise Son.

"A dislike," said the gentle philosopher, "should not lead us to any active demonstration. We should merely seek to avoid its object."

"Maybe my boy Josh has more sense than I gave him credit for," rejoined Farmer Corntossel. "That's exactly the way he feels about wash'n day all kinds."—Washington Star.

Early Explorations.

"Johnny, you have been very quiet for the last half hour," observed Mrs. Twobble, who had been busy welcoming her brother, who had just arrived on a visit. "What have you been doing, dear?"

"Me?" said Johnny, "why, I've been going through Uncle Charlie's dress suit case."—Detroit Free Press.

Nothing to Regret.

"Had a good time on the Fourth, I suppose?"

With his one sound hand Johnny pushed his bandages aside.

"You bet I did," he answered. "I don't know what I regret most."

"Huh! I don't care. It was the very last cannon cracker I had that I ever me up."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Didn't Blame the Church.

"Can I induce you to go to church?" asked the earnest evangelist.

"O! not for mine, doc," replied the hobo.

"Perhaps you have some feelings against the church that may be—"

"No, I ain't got no grudge ag'in it; mine was a home-weddin'."—Philadelphia Press.

Violated All Precedent.

"Were you ever really glad to hang a man?"

"Only once," answered the Sheriff. "I had prepared him a hearty breakfast of steak, eggs, potatoes, waffles and coffee."

"Yes?"

"And the infernal ingrate demanded stewed oats instead."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Whom the Old Man Feared.

"Say," said Mrs. Nurtich, "your father's got to stop smokin' his pipe in the parlor. You'll have to speak to him; he won't mind me."

"He ain't afraid o' me, neither," replied Nurtich.

"Well, something's got to be done."

"If I wasn't afraid o' scaring the old man too bad I'd get the butler after him."—Philadelphia Press.

It Depends.

"Do you think any man can be in love and be sane at the same time?"

"It depends on what you call love. If the object of his affection be beautiful, a good cook, able to make her own clothes and willing to admit it if he doesn't call her Pet or Darling in public, I don't see why there should be any reason to doubt his sanity."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Transformed.

"How did your son get along at college?"

"Well," replied Farmer Korkob, meditatively, "it made a new man of him."

"Indeed! In what way?"

"He's forgotten everything he ought to know about the farm and learned everything he ought not to know about the city."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Supply and Demand.

"I tell you," said the passenger with the skull cap, "there is something wrong with a country where a prize-fighter can make more money in one night than a college professor can make in five years."

"You're right, pard," said the passenger with the loud check suit. "There's too blamed many college professors and too blamed few great prize-fighters."—Chicago Tribune.

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